

BRC Future Topics
BRC Annual Conference Breakout Session
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Prioritization of BRC Future Topics Listed in Ascending Order of Votes Received
Plenary Session

1. Method for HQ/Field update - early identification of reprogramming.
2. Value of cross-cut schedules.
3. Reengineering the IWO process.
4. Limited period of appropriations
5. BMIS.
6. Benchmarking best practices.
7. Capital to operating conversion.
 - Done by contractor at operations office level - not HQ.
8. Budget training.
9. Review the need for the nine digit B&R code.
10. Develop real R&D performance measures.

Breakout Team #1

- Method for HQ/Field update - mutual info exchange
- Rotational details Hq/Field/Contractor (formal)
- Budget Staff Development - Share certification program with contractors.
- Reengineer IWO Process (ceiling \$100K - \$500K)
- Develop guidance on third party financing
- Improve capital budget process
- Rates Education Package (overhead - indirect)
- Best practices & benchmarking
 - Systems budget processes
 - Small teams visit other agencies
- Outlook for budget systems (Gartner Group)
- BMIS
 - Interface
 - HQ/Field
 - Corporate vs. site focus
- Succession planning - Demographics Study
- Performance measures
 - Baseline certifications at HQ/Field

- BRC closure on recommendations
- Implementation of AFP
 - Performance improvement by site
- Change functional cost reporting (focus on programmatic drivers)
- DOE budget contacts list
- B&R funding flexibility (increasing trend to split funding activities)
- Moving toward WBS from B&R - implications
- Encourage multi-year budgeting cycle
- Cross-cut schedules
 - Usage?
 - Value added?
 - Relation to functional cost reporting

Breakout Team #2

- Interoffice/interagency work order process
 - Cost transfers are not in agreement
 - Budget and accounting issue
 - Field office has different way for tracking
 - Standard process is not standard
 - Raise the ceiling to \$500K
 - There might be good reasons for non-standardization
 - Value added process improvements
- Elimination of budget crosscuts
 - Info is still needed. No \$ back from the crosscut - e.g., ES&H
 - Identify the top three onerous crosscuts. Main budgets should include the info that can be pulled out.
- Capital to operating conversion done by contractors at operation office level - not HQ level
 - Reallocation - taxed. Elimination of this tax (Oak Ridge)
 - Ktr. Should do at Ops level and not HQ approval (depends on which HQ office is involved)
 - Can still be reported via FIS
 - Eliminate the funding reporting down to the ninth level
 - Wide range on how this is being handled
- Review the need for the nine digit B&R code
 - Is this needed?
 - Takes a lot of administrative time
 - EM - EDS level
- Timely information on the budget call and improve information on flow (e.g., appropriation reports)
 - Get formatting and other info out more timely
- Review the reprogramming process

- Peaks and flows on information flow. Educate all on where to go for information.
- Progress report on the funding and work order AFP subcommittee
 - What was done with the finding identified in the report?

Breakout Team #3

- Reprogramming process and procedure (how to fix it)
- Budget process fixes - execution guidance for budget development (UNICALL)
- IWWWO Process
 - Thresholds
 - Streamlining/reduce paper
 - Use information technology
- Performance Measures
 - Develop real R&D performance measures
 - External coordination and acceptance
 - Consistency across programs
 - Functional entities
- Limited period of appropriations
 - Practical implementation
 - Two year budgeting (Domenici legislation)
- Budget related training
 - Sharing info/Clearinghouse/BRC facilitator
 - Succession planning
 - Web based training